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5. Selection of students for the reserve officer school and NGO school.

Candidates were selected from men who had completed one month of service in a receiving center (prijimac). The recruiting officers declared that the political past of the prospective candidates would not be taken into account at all, because the candidates would begin a new life and the final opinion would depend on their behavior at the school. Candidates had to fill in question-naires pertaining to their personal history and to previous political activities. They also were asked to express their wish concerning future assignment(s) in the army. Following these questionnaires the candidates for both schools were chosen. Among students chosen for reserve pificers' school were many school teachers. As a rule, soldiers displayed little interest in getting into these schools and most of them tried to avoid the selection as much as they could. By the end of a month candidates had an interview with their battalion or battery commanders who informed them about the decision. During the school only those students much proved incepable for studies or who were reported by their former civilian authorities as enemies of the people's democratic régime were sent back from the schools to their units. The majority of the students were anti-Communists who concealed their true political feelings.

#### 6. The artillery reserve officer school corrioulum:

Studies began on 1 December 1952 and lasted probably till 15 October 1953. Studies were divided into three terms: theory - December-March; practical training - April-July; methods of instruction - August-mid-October. The following subjects were taught: political indostrination, gurnery, tactics, physical training, drill, army regulations, military surveying, artillery equipment, ballistics, military engineering, chemical warfare, medical service, motor transport service, and rear-scholon services.

#### Daily programs

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6.00 a.m. - reveille
6.05-6.25 - morning calisthenics
6.25-6.50 - washing and clean-up of billets
6.50-7.20 - breakfast
7.25-7.35 - morning inspection
7.40-7.55 - preparation for morning classes
8.00-12.35 - classes
12.35-12.40 - preparation for lunch
12.40-1.25 p.m. - lunch
1.30-2.45 - rest period
3.00-4.45 - classes
4.50-5.40 - maintenance of small arms or a class
5.40-6.00 - daily evaluation of achieved results
6.00-6.05 - preparation for supper
6.05-6.40 - supper
6.45-7.35 - cultural activities (singing, chess playing, etc)
7.40-9.35 - individual studying 9.40-9.55 - roll call and reading of daily bulletin
9.55-10.00 - merching and singing in the barracks yard
10.00-10.45 - off duty time
10.45-11.00 - preparation for bed
11.00 - lights out
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#### 7. Miscellaneous:

Food was plentiful and well prepared. Leaves were granted only as a special reward for good service or mass work. Passes were granted for Saturday nights and Sunday SECRET/CONTROL - U.S. OFFICIALS ONLY

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afternoons only. Accommodations were brick barracks without central heating. In winter months there was a shortage of coal. Morale was bad in general, due to the fact that leaves and passes were so scarce. Besides that, soldiers hated especially the excessive political indoctrination which they had to attend. During 10 months, two students committed suicides because they found out about their wives infidelities and were refused leaves.

# 8. Klement Cottwald Tank Training Center

The Tank Training Center was situated in the same camp as the 31st Heavy Artillery Brigade. In the Center was a school for tank officers. The equipment consisted mainly of T-34 tanks. Besides those there were Stalinec tanks, Soviet self-propelled 125-mm guns, and some old-type English and German tanks.

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